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HONGKONG, NOVEMBER 12TH, 1907.

WHATEVER the Chinese are now, whatever
they may become in the future, there is
little doubt that at one time they were a
military nation. Remarkable confirmation
of this belief has recently been unearthed
by the archaeologist, Dr. M. A. Stein, on
the most westerly border of the province of
Kansu, the province that juts into the great
Gobi desert north of Tibet. About the end
of February Dr. STEIN journeyed towards
the oasis of Shachou, or Tunhwang, follow-
ing a route faithfully described by Marco
Polo. That explorer's description was
found "thoroughly accurate in all its topo-
graphical details." It is an ancient car-
avan route, 350 miles long, abandoned for
centuries, and coming into use again within
the last few years, for traders from Khotan
and Kashgar, who are importing English
piece goods brought from Kashmir on pack
animals. Dr. STEIN's last communications
are dated June 18th. The expedition found
remains of ruined watchtowers and an
ancient wall or entrenchment. Various ar-
cheological indications convinced Dr. STEIN
that they belonged to an ancient system
of frontier defence corresponding to the
extent "Great Wall" on the Kansu border.
He found and surveyed about 140 miles of
these watch stations, sectional headquarters,
magazines, and so on. More than that, he

unearthed a vast quantity of Chinese
records, mostly on bamboo, which convinced
him beyond reasonable doubt that these
defences were constructed more than a
century before Christ, under the Emperor
Wu Ti. Nearly two thousand of these
Chinese "documents" were obtained, and
they and other materials collected are said
to be so simple and varied that they will
require prolonged labour on the part of
several specialists. Meanwhile, according
to the abstract of Dr. STEIN's reports, ob-
tained by the Times, the fortified area
appears to have remained regularly gar-
risoned down to the middle of the second
century A.D. Dated documents are particu-
larly numerous from 98 B.C. to about 25
A.D., the time when a period of internal
and external troubles came to an end with
the advent of the second Han dynasty. There
can be no doubt that the main purpose of
the Limes was to guard the territory south-
of the Su-lo-ho river, which was indispen-
sable as a base and a passage for the Chinese
military forces, political missions, &c., sent
to extend and consolidate Chinese influence
in the Tarim Basin and further west.
One flank ends in wide marshes and drifting
sand dunes, through which invaders were
extremely unlikely to approach; and the
other is supposed to have been connected with
the Great Wall. The hundreds of inscribed
pieces of wood, bamboo, silk, and the mass
of miscellaneous antiques have survived
almost uninjured even where covered only
by the thinnest layer of gravel or debris.
Sometimes a mere scraping of the surface
sufficed to lay bare files of records thrown
out before the time of Christ from the office
of some military commander on to a rubbish
heap in which even the most perishable
remains—straw, clothing, &c.—looked per-
fectly fresh. They refer to matters of mili-
tary administration, often giving exact details
as to the strength, movements, &c., of the
various corps distributed along the border,
arrangements about their supplies, equip-
ment, &c. Others are private letters
addressed to officers, full of quaint actuali-
ties, &c., or official reports. Together with
the remains of quarters, furniture, arms,
&c., excavated they will amply suffice to
restore a picture of the life once led along
this most desolate of borders. One of the
best preserved ruins is that of an imposing
magazine forming a solid block of halls
nearly 500ft. long. There is plenty of
evidence to show that those who laid down
the line, selected the position for watch-
stations, &c., had been guided by a sharp
eye for all surface features and their
practical advantages.

The German Mail of the 10th October was
delivered in London on the 9th inst.

No more plague, and no more cholera, is the
effect of the official health return for last week.

General Walter Kitchenier has abandoned the
Indian winter manoeuvres owing to the im-
possibility of arranging for supplies for the
troops in consequence of the famine.

The American Consulate General received the
telegram quoted below from the Manila
observatory at 2.15 p.m. yesterday:—"Nov. 11,
1907 at 12.10 p.m. typhoon E. S. E. on E. Guam
moving apparently in a northerly direction."

Mr. Mackenzie King, Deputy Minister of
Labour, proceeded immediately to Vancouver to
settle the claims of the Japanese whose property
was damaged in the recent riots. All the claims
will be dealt with generously.

According to an "Express" correspondent,
a group of Socialists stopped a wedding party
on their way to the town hall for the celebra-
tion of a civil marriage, and cried
"Down with marriage!"

The Italian Council of Ministers has approved
of the demand made by the Minister of Marine
for the sum of £8,000,000, which is to be spent
in building four armoured battleships, two of
which will be built in Italian private shipbuilding
yards.

Yesterday, in honour of His Majesty the
King of Italy's birthday, Chevalier Polipolli
held a reception at the Italian Consulate. The
A.D.C.s to H. E. the Governor, Admiral
Moore and Commodore Stokes called to pay
their respects, also the Consular Body and
many civilians.

The Canadian Cabinet on October 11th
completed the arrangements for Mr. Lomax's
visit to Japan to discuss the emigration question
with the Japanese Government. The Post-
master-General, who is designated as the special
envoy of the Dominion Government, will be
accompanied by Mr. Joseph Pope, Under
Secretary of State, who accompanied Prince
Fushimi in his trip across the Continent.

The work of delimiting the Russo-Japanese
frontier in the island of Sakhalin has now been
finished. Boundary posts have been set up
along the frontier, which is marked by a line
30ft. wide cut through the forest. The islands
of Monorony, also called Yodomostrya, and
Gobin, have also been surveyed and their exact
latitude settled. The exchange of plans and
other documents will take place at the end of
March next at Vladivostok, where the final
sitting of the Russo-Japanese boundary
commission will be held.

Between two and three o'clock yesterday
morning fire broke out in the boiler and
blacksmith shop at the Cosmopolitan Dock,
damaging tools and machinery to the extent of
about \$5,000. The firemen on the other side
hastened to the dock, and with the assistance of
the employees succeeded in confining the
outbreak to the one shed. Then the fire boat
arrived on the scene and the combined efforts
of the fire fighters quelled the outbreak.

It was thought that about £2,000,000 extra
would be asked for by the German Admiralty
during the coming winter Session of the
Reichstag. However, a much larger sum is to
be asked for; in fact, it is said an excellent
authority that £3,000,000 will be asked for in
view of the increase in building new vessels for
the German Navy. In 1906 the German Naval
Budget amounted to £13,375,000; it is expected
that next year it will be no less than £17,500,000.

A Commission of Inspection was to leave
for Indo-China on October 17th, for the pur-
pose of investigating the administration of
taxes and the alcohol monopoly, and sug-
gesting possible reforms. A second Com-
mission was to leave Bordeaux on October 25th
for the West African Colonies, and on November
25 a third will start for the Congo. The
Congo Commission will inquire into the
financial situation, and will consider General
Gentil's scheme for a loan.

After securing the conviction against Lias
Cardoso, the man who obtained goods from the
Auntal Stores on forged orders, Detective-
Sergeant Wait was successful in arresting the
man who forged the orders, one of which was
on paper procured from the Post Office. R. A.
Remedios was charged with forging the two
orders before Mr. C. D. Melbourne at the Police
Court yesterday, and after hearing the evidence
his Worship sentenced the defendant to six
weeks' imprisonment with hard labour.

The Budapest correspondent of the "Petit
Parisien," who has interviewed an intimate
friend of Professor Neusser, the Emperor of
Austria's physician, states that His Majesty is
now [October 13] suffering from a slight attack
of pneumonia. Professor Neusser told the
emperor yesterday that he ought to go to the
Riviera for the winter, but His Majesty refused
point blank. He said he would not stop work
for a single day. When Dr. Neusser insisted
on His Majesty's going south, the Emperor an-
swered impatiently: "Leave me alone. I know
my duty. An Emperor should die standing."

The Goliath, battleship, which is undergoing
a thorough refit at Portsmouth, is to be out of
dockyard hands at the end of January, 1908.
The Spartiate, cruiser, which is also undergoing
extensive repairs at the same yard, will be com-
pleted at the end of December. The Canopus,
battleship, is to be taken in hand at Portsmouth
in November, and completed by the end of
March. The refit of the Drake, at Gibraltar,
and the Suffolk, at Malta, is being rapidly pushed
on. The repairs of the first named will be
finished by the middle of November, and those
of the last named in December. No. 3 bus in
Portsmouth dockyard, through which the new
lock will pass, has now been cleared of all vessels
and the water is being gradually run out.

Socialism met a signal and striking defeat on
September 27th at the hands of the Unionist
Tariff Reformers of the Kirkcaldy Division of
Liverpool, a purely working-class constituency
over 10,000 strong. The candidates were Mr.
C. McArthur (Unionist) and Mr. J. Hill, who
came forward as a Labour and Socialist can-
didate, the Liberals not officially entering the
contest. The weather was fine and the voting
characterized by much activity. On a poll
which beats anything ever before recorded in
the constituency by over 400 votes, Mr.
McArthur was returned with an increased
majority. He received 4,000 votes and Mr.
Hill 3,330—majority 670. The Unionist
majority at the general election last year was
592. Mr. McArthur has received the warmest
congratulations from Mr. Balfour and Mr.
Walter Long upon his notable triumph.

The advance guard of Admiral Evan's armada,
consisting of the armoured cruisers Tennessee
and Washington, under the command of Rear-
Admiral Sebree, sailed from Hampton Roads on
October 12th. It is not expected that it will
arrive at San Francisco before February. The
first stop will be at Trinidad, after which it will
call and coal at various South American ports
before putting in at Magdalena Bay, Mexico,
some time at the beginning of January, for the
purpose of target practice. Off California
Admiral Sebree's cruisers will be joined by their
sister ships the "South Dakota" and California,
which have been built at San Francisco and
have only recently been put into commission,
and also by three other armoured cruisers now
on the Pacific station. Admiral Sebree is under
orders to maintain a speed of 12 knots, two more
than that decided upon for Admiral Evan's
battleship fleet.

An extremely useful little pamphlet makes its
appearance containing a translation of the Chinese
Bankruptcy Code of 1905 by Mr. Chang Nieh-yin
with an editorial by Mr. J. H. Toedale, says the
N. C. Daily News. As the editor points out
1905 when Imperial assent was obtained for this
Code was a time when the cry of Reform was
very loud and urgent, and the Code, though
containing the comparatively small number of
69 Articles as against the voluminous English
Bankruptcy enactments, makes a laudable set-
tle in the right direction by placing on record a set
of rules to cover the insolvency of a Chinese
subject and opening for him the way to clear
himself of his debts instead of merely languishing
in prison possibly for many years. The Code
was the work of certain Chinese students
educated in Japan and was revised by H. E.
Wu Ting-fang, ex-Vice-President of the
Waikun, and the first Chinese barrister at the
English Bar.

TELEGRAMS.

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THE TRANSVAAL'S TRIBUTE.

LONDON, November 11th.
The Cullinan diamond has been
presented to the King.

GERMAN EMPEROR'S TOUR.

LONDON, November 11th.
The Kaiser has been detained in
the Channel by fog.

DISTINGUISHED VISTORS.

LONDON, November 11th.
The Queen of Portugal, Prince
Ranjitsinhji and Li Ching-pan have
arrived in England.

OBITUARY.

LONDON, November 11th.
Lord Chesham has been killed in
the hunting field.
Lord Kilmaine has committed
suicide.

[Lord Chesham was 57 years of age. He was
Master of the Royal Buckhounds in 1904, and
Lord of the Bedchamber to H.R.H. the Prince
of Wales since 1901. He saw service with the
10th Lancers in South Africa and was men-
tioned in despatches. In 1901-1902 he was
Inspector-General of the Imperial Tannery in
South Africa. His Lordship owned about
12,000 acres exclusive of property in London.]

[Lord Kilmaine was 64 years of age. He
was a representative peer for Ireland since 1891,
and owned about 14,700 acres.]

RESULT OF THE LIVERPOOL CUP.

LONDON, November 9th.
1 Menu.
2 Glacis.
3 Carnegie.

GERMAN RANK RATE.

LONDON, November 9th.
The German Bank rate has been raised to
7½ per cent., the highest rate since the
foundation of the Imperial Bank in 1876.

Crowds of bank messengers appeared at
the doors of the Imperial Bank in the early
morning with the view of discounting paper
before the announcement of a change of
rate, which was expected, but the doors
remained closed until 11 o'clock when a
notice was posted and a rush frustrated.
Mks 15,000,000 have been taken from the
bank since 15th October. The increase in
the Bank rates has roused all the European
Capitals.

THE VISIT OF THE KAISER AND
KAISERIN.

LONDON, November 9th.
The Kaiser and Kaiserin left Berlin for
England yesterday evening. The Channel
Fleet of 45 warships will welcome their
Majesties at Portsmouth.

TROUBLE ON A TRAMCAR.

The captain of the s.s. "Paul Bean" appeared
before Mr. F. A. Hazell at the Police Court
yesterday charged with refusing to pay his tram
fare. The defendant's story was that he
boarded a car and tendered a twenty cent piece
in payment of his fare, receiving a spurious ten
cent piece change. Later he boarded another
car at Observation Place and when the conductor
called for the fare he tendered this ten cent
piece. He was, however, well known to the tram
conductors as he travelled on the tram about
four times a day.

Mr. Course, the traffic superintendent, in-
formed His Worship that of late the Company
was getting a great many of these cases.

UNDEFENDED DIVORCE CASE.

SHANGHAI MARriage.

On Oct. 12, in the Divorce Court, before Sir
Gorell Barnes, Alexander M'Donnell Somer-
ville, a master mariner employed with the
China Navigation Company, sued for divorce
against his wife on account of her misconduct
with the co-respondent, James Logan. The case
was undefended. The affidavit of the petitioner
was read, and was to the effect that the parties
were married at Shanghai in February, 1902.
When about on business he (the petitioner) was
heard of her conduct, and on meeting her it
was her story that she had done nothing wrong.
When at Hongkong he introduced his wife
to a Mrs. Logan, whose son was the co-respond-
ent. The latter was employed by an insurance
company. The co-respondent and his wife be-
came very friendly, and he had to remonstrate
with her and sent her back to Shanghai. He
saw the co-respondent and his wife kissing,
but she said the friendship was an innocent
one. Subsequently a child was born. Evidence
in support of petitioner's case having been
adduced, his Lordship granted a decree nisi
on the 12th.

BALL AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

The beauty and the chivalry of Hongkong
assembled at Government House last night
to participate in the pleasures of the ball
given by His Excellency the Governor and
Lady Lugard in honour of His Majesty's birth-
day. The many successful dances, which
have taken place at Government House it is safe
to say that there has not been one to eclipse the
inaugural ball of Sir Frederick and Lady
Lugard. The hospitality of the Governor's
residence is traditional, and that the new admin-
istrator and his wife know how to entertain was
amply proved by the brilliant success attending
the birthday ball. Nothing that could be done
to enhance the enjoyment of the occasion was
left undone, and it goes without saying that the
large assembly present spent a memorable
evening in celebration of King Edward's
sixty-sixth birthday. The splendour of the
decorations calls for more than passing
notice, and the general effect revealed
the fact that Messrs. Tuteber, Tooker and
Wolfe who were responsible for the display,
are no mean exponents of the art of decoration.
The trees surrounding the gubernatorial resi-
dence were alive with vari-coloured lanterns
resembling different fruits, while festoons of
lanterns lighted the grounds. On the steps
leading to the ball room were palms, ferns and
other pot plants, while the tastefully arranged
decorations within the spacious room were seen
to advantage under the brilliancy of many
electric lights. The steps leading from the
ball room into the garden at the rear of
the residence were covered by a specially
erected match, which was prettily draped
in crimson cloth and lighted with electric
lights. Supper was served below in the
basement of the house. There was also a
special tent where the ladies could procure ices,
and another where the gentlemen could obtain
their refreshers. The grass in the gardens
was covered with matting. From nine till ten
o'clock His Excellency the Governor and Lady
Lugard received their guests. At the latter
hour the ball was opened by the state lanciers,
those forming the set being: His Excellency
the Governor and Mrs. Stokes; Admiral Moore
and Lady Lugard; Commodore Stokes and
Mrs. May; Colonel Darling and Mrs. Chatham;
the Hon. Mr. F. H. May and Mrs. Atkinson;
the Hon. Mr. W. Ross Davies and Mrs.
Hewitt; the Hon. Mr. W. Chatham and Mrs.
Browne; the Hon. Dr. J. M. Atkinson and
Mrs. Basil Taylor. Music was supplied by the
band of the Middlesex Regiment.

The programme included twelve waltzes
three two steps, two lancers, two polkas and one
galop. The supper menu was as follows:—
Clear Soup, Mayonnaise of lobster, Cold
Quail, Lamb cutlets in aspic, Galantine of
chicken, Roast and boiled fowl, Ox tongue,
Turkey York ham, Game pie, Galantine of
capon, Snipe in aspic, Pressed beef, Quail in
aspic, Salad, Fruit jelly, Tipsey oaks, Chocolate
cream, Prune Jelly, Lemon Cream, Chocolate
Russe.

ADDITIONAL INVITATIONS.

In addition to those published in yesterday's
issue, invitations were sent to the following:—
Mr. Karl Freund, Mr. and Mrs. Gok, Mr.
F. Jung, Mr. F. Marten, Dr. Masgrave, Mr.
and Mrs. Niedhart, Mr. H. Schumacher, Mr.
C. Thiel, Captain B. A. Thompson, Mr. G.
Wieler, and Mr. P. R. Wolf.

ADSETTS.

To-morrow morning is the day fixed for the
execution of Adsett's, the murderer of Gertrude
Dayton. It was generally believed that he was
to die yesterday morning, but the Authorities
altered the date. From the scraps of information
which filter through the jail gates it appears
that, since his fate was made known to him,
Adsett has resigned himself to the in-
evitable. He takes things far more calmly
now than he did before. He eats and
sleeps well, and is continually singing.
It is stated that he has furnished the
Authorities with further information about his
life and the murder, and this may be made
public when the sentence of death is carried out.

THE FALL IN SILVER.

It is curious to note how the quotations of
the different metals move on much the same
plane, although the influences appear to vary.
Thus copper, tin, and lead have lost ground con-
siderably of late, [Oct. 15] partly owing to
increased production and, partly owing to pro-
spective reduction in demand. It appears to be
now the turn of silver, and within the fortnight
that metal has dropped as much as 3d. per
ounce, to 27d. per ounce, this quotation being
the lowest recorded since the middle of 1905.
A variety of causes are ascribed for this re-
action, but distrust as to the future plays a
large part in the depression. The Indian
Government bought the white metal very freely
early in the year, and in this way satisfied its
needs to an important extent, so that for the
moment the largest buyer of recent years is out
of the market. At the same time, the United
States Government, which has been a steady
purchaser of the metal for the last twelve months, has
ceased to buy, whilst the local demand there, as
represented by the Government, has also
been brought to a minimum in consequence of the fear that the drought in
part of that huge dependency will ultimately
affect the demand of the natives for silver.
Thus, from very different reasons to those ap-
plying to the base metals, the price has de-
clined, and, in fact, the depreciation in the
other quotations ought really to have favoured
silver, since it is so often produced as a
by-product. If either the output of lead
or copper is diminished through the lower
prices now prevailing, a certain amount of
silver would also cease to be produced.

Information has been received from Sumatra
as to the damage done to tobacco on the Hessa
estate as the result of the tornado there on
August 29 last. The tobacco in the fermenting
shed, valued at about £20,000, was damaged to
the extent of 90 per cent. of its value.

OBTAINING MONEY BY FALSE
PREFERENCES.

Between noon and one o'clock on Friday a
native named Kwong Ping went to the Char-
tered Bank to cash a draft for \$100. He handed
the document to the shroff who returned him
a chit with his name written on it, and told
him to keep the chit until he got his money.
At about the same time a man named Wong
Kam-lung went to the bank with the object of
cashing a draft for \$2,000. He also handed his
draft to the shroff and received a chit which he
was told to keep until he got his money. Ac-
cording to the story of the shroff, about an hour
elapsed before he returned to his counter and
shouted the name of Wong Kam-lung. Kwong
Ping answered "yes", and produced Wong
Kam-lung's chit for the \$2,000. He was paid
the money and left the bank, and sometimes
elapsed before the shroff was discovered. Then
the matter was reported to the Police, and
Detective-Sergeant Marston was despatched to
investigate. After interrogating the shroff
and making further inquiries he found out that
Kwong Ping had just returned from Sandakan,
and on proceeding to the boarding house at
which the man wanted was staying, he obtained
a description of him from another boarder who
had travelled with Kwong from Borneo. Then
the detective caused all the boats leaving the
Colony to be watched, with the result that at
6.30 on the following morning Kwong Ping was
arrested while boarding a launch for Sandakan.
A search revealed the fact that he had only two
dollars on his person, but he subsequently
admitted leaving the stolen \$2,000 in a wooden
box. On being taken to the Police, where
Detective-Sergeant Marston found three \$500
notes in a box, and recovered the fourth from
an old woman who kept the house. Kwong
Ping was charged before Mr. F. A. Hazell at
the Police Court yesterday with obtaining
money by false preferences, and the case was
remanded till Tuesday.

AFTERMATH OF THE MACAO
FESTIVAL.

The Chinese of Macao having rendered their
thanks to the goddess Ma of the Barra Pagoda
for ridding the Colony of the plague are now
disturbed by the discovery that there was some
"misconduct and mismanagement" in con-
nection with the great festival on the part of
the bonze at the Pagoda. The managing
committee of the Pagoda ordered his expulsion,
but the bonze, who is stated to have great
influence with the powers that be, refused to
obey the mandate of the committee. He
disputed their competency to order his expulsion.
The Pagoda Committee appealed to the Protector
of Chinese, and ultimately to His Excellency the
Governor of Macao, but the bonze still remains
at the Pagoda and denies the right of anyone to
compel him to leave. The bonze is alleged to
have rendered no account of his management of
the Pagoda for years past, and other acts are
alleged against him.

ALLEGED HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

It was reported to the Police on Friday
that a foki employed in the Li Chak Man shop
in Jervois Street, had been attacked in Bonham
Strand and robbed of \$5,000. The story told
was that the accountant in this shop gave a
foki \$500 in notes which the latter rolled in a
white cotton handkerchief, and put them in his
right-hand side jacket pocket. The foki was
also given a chit book and was told to deliver
the money at the Wing San shop and get the
entry in the book chopped. He proceeded at
once to carry out his orders, and as he that,
when opposite Tung Hing Lane, a person ap-
proached him from the rear, struck him on
the back of the head with something soft, and
he became unconscious. When he recovered
consciousness he was back in his master's shop
and there he learned he had been robbed. He
informed the police that he could not identify
his assailant, and when they examined the foki
they could find no marks of violence.

INTERPORT CRICKET.

THE SHANGHAI TEAM.

The following are the members of the
Shanghai team:—
R. N. Anderson, New Zealand Insurance
Co., Shanghai Cricket Club.
J. K. Brand, Ward, Probst & Co., Shanghai
Cricket Club.
A. G. H. Carruthers, Whampoa Conservancy
Office (Customs), Shanghai Cricket Club.
C. R. S. Cooper, Brand Bros., Shanghai
Cricket Club.
D. R. McEwen, Ferson Daniel & Co., Shang-
hai Cricket Club.
F. Lamb, Winer & Co., Shanghai Cricket
Club.
W. Rodolph, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank,
Shanghai Cricket Club.
A. F. Wheen, Edward Wheen, Shanghai
Cricket Club.
L. Walker (Captain), D. McGregor & Co.,
Shanghai Cricket Club.
H. de Voss, Carlowitz & Co., Shanghai
Cricket Club.
N. L. Sparke, Shanghai Land Investment
Co., Shanghai Cricket Club.
H. B. Ollendress, Calbeck, Macgregor &
Co., Recreation Club.
T. Main, Shanghai Water Works, Recreation
Club.
Messrs. A. G. H. Carruthers and H. de Voss
will represent Shanghai in the Tennis match.
There are no Shanghai Golf Club representa-
tives, but Messrs. Walker, Brand and Rodolph
are bringing their Club.

EVOLUTION OF HONGKONG.

(Written for the Hongkong Daily Press).

(Continued from last Monday)

VII.

Lin, the new Commissioner, who was to complete the victory of China over the upstart foreigner, and more especially root out the offending opium trade which was draining China of its financial resources, and had already seriously disturbed the exchanges, arrived at Canton on the 10th March 1839. The date is worthy of remembrance, as it marked an entirely new position, and drove Great Britain, though altogether against the wish of her statesmen of all shades, and contrary to instincts of the nation at large, into a war, almost farcical in its incidents, yet fraught with most important issues to the world at large. Before his arrival, the Canton authorities under his orders, had blockaded the factories, stationed a crowd of native war-junks at the Bogue, and collected a number of gunboats and fireships, to attack in force the British ships at anchor at Linlin. Elliott thereupon went down to Macao, where he conceived the English residents to be in danger; but finding that a warship, the *Larne*, had arrived he hastened to Canton, where he found the British residents besieged.

Lin on his arrival had sent an order to the residents to deliver on peril of their lives all the opium stored on board ships in Chinese waters, and on Elliott's arrival he found them in grave deliberation as to what to do. They had offered a thousand odd chests, an offer which was indignantly rejected, and Laurence Dunt, was ordered to appear before the Commissioner, and surrender himself at the city gate. As the other merchants refused to permit him to go, supplies were cut off, and servants withdrawn; the Hong Merchants were moreover sent in chains to the factories, and informed that unless they brought with them the requisite foreigner, they would be decapitated. The occasion was marked by a display of horroism on the part of the besieged residents worthy of note. Though they were determined not to permit Dunt to go to the torture, four of their number—well known names too—Ingles, Pearson, Thom and Slade, volunteered to go to what seemed, at least, certain torture in his place. The Chin, who had been sent in charge of the Hong Merchants, probably moved with compassion, accepted the alternative; and the four went into the city, where they were brought before a court composed of the high provincial authorities. The last, struck with the courage of the Englishmen, after a short examination sent the four back unharmed.

It was during these scenes that Captain Elliott, having run the gauntlet of the Chinese gunboats on the river, arrived at the factories. Elliott, who notwithstanding his lack of discretion had never been wanting in personal courage, at once took Dunt under his personal protection, and informed the officials who were again demanding him, that he would first give his life before permitting any of his nationals to be taken away by force.

Practically Elliott and the whole foreign community were at the moment close prisoners, and the Chinese perfectly understood this. It was in fact, what Lin had all through been plotting; Elliott sent in to the Viceroy a letter respectfully asking for passports for the British community to go to Macao, but foolishly hinting at force if they were not granted within three days, speaking of a disturbance of the peace between the two countries. This brought the characteristic answer that this letter was not explicit, as no two countries were in question; China alone, whose Emperor overshadowed all, being in question; he would moreover not grant the passports, till Dunt and all the opium had been surrendered. As Elliott had no force to back him, except the miserable little gun-brig *Larne* which was moreover at Macao, and the residents were already on short allowances, the inevitable had to be faced; and Elliott issued a notice the next morning ordering his nationals to deliver up all opium in their possession, or under their control, agreeing on behalf of His Majesty's Government that it would take the responsibility of payment.

The result was the eventual delivery into the Commissioner's hands of over twenty thousand chests, of the destruction of which a great display was afterwards made, though there is every reason to suspect that more silver, a large portion of the forbidden drug eventually got into the hands of Lin's own officers. Lin, in fact, had made a most all round. He had seriously compromised the very existence of British trade at Canton, which was the life-blood of Canton officialdom, and which it had been his object all through to preserve; he had for very shame to undertake the destruction of the opium delivered up which had certainly formed no part of his plan, and even in this he had been hoodwinked by his own officials; and, worst of all, instead of injuring the individual merchants, or hurting the opium trade he had by his destruction of the largest portion of the old stock, which was actually at the moment a drug in the market, enormously increased the demand for the drug, and saved from bankruptcy, the dealers Chinese and foreign. Whatever doubts had formerly existed, a distributing port, Hongkong, or an equivalent, in British hands had now, it was allowed on all sides, become a matter of necessity. Commissioner Lin's claim for the supremacy of China, which interpreted meant unrestrained extortion in trade, and the submission of British subjects to the caprice of Chinese officials, however ignorant and uncivilized, had at least brought this about.

As soon as the opium had been delivered, though after a good deal of fencing on Lin's part, Elliott and the merchants were reluctantly permitted to make their way to Macao. Elliott hired a quick sailing vessel, which he sent to Bombay, and the only remaining evidence of British power, the little *Larne*, was despatched to acquaint the Viceroy at Calcutta of the position of affairs. He also ordered the cessation of all British trade until

orders from H. M. Government were obtained. Lin on his part was now driven to bay, the more so as he had heard from various sources that several British men of war, of which he had a wholesome dread, were on their way at last. He, however, played his last card, and compelled, not altogether against his will, the Governor of Macao to refuse to permit the British to remain on shore.

There was no alternative; the British had to take refuge on board the ships, and the ships had nowhere else to go, and took refuge in the Harbour of Hongkong, never again to leave it. This was quite opposed to Lin's instructions which were not to injure the trade with Canton, while at the same time bringing the British under control; and he tried by every means to induce the merchants to return to Canton. Meanwhile he made a foolish attempt to claim jurisdiction over the bodies of Englishmen in a case where a Chinaman had been killed in a drunken brawl on the island of Hongkong. Elliott invited him to send a deputy to witness the trial, to which no answer was vouchsafed, but on the contrary a demand was made, that a bond should be signed agreeing that all British subjects charged with crimes should be handed over to the Chinese Government to be tried according to Chinese custom. All these things were merely delaying but could not hinder the final result, and meanwhile reinforcements in ships and troops were arriving. The first result was the decay of Lin's prestige with the Emperor, and his gradual fall from power.

(To be continued next Monday.)

SHIPPING AND SOCIALISM.

THE CONFERENCE.

A London paper says on October 15th:— "There is prospect of a large attendance at the International Conference, convened by the Shipping Federation, which opens in London. The sittings will be held at the offices of the Shipping Federation, St. Mary-axe, E.C., and will extend over two days. The question to be discussed is the best method whereby the extravagant demands of labour upon shipping enterprises can be checked, more particularly in those ports where the workmen have proved specially amenable to Socialist influences. From the subjoined list of names of those who are expected to take part in the conference it is apparent that the idea of holding an international gathering of the kind has met with general favour, for practically all the great ports of Europe will be represented, either directly or indirectly. Not only is the list of British shipowners a large and representative one, but some of the largest Continental steamship lines will send delegates. The Norddeutscher Lloyd Company will be represented by Mr. Leist, the Hamburg-American Company by Dr. Munsen, and the Hansa Line of Bremen, by Mr. Hartmann. M. A. Bordes, one of the French delegates, represents one of the biggest and best known fleets of sailing ships. The various countries will have their spokesmen as follows:—

BELGIUM.

Federation Maritime d'Anvers, Antwerp.—Messrs. Daniel Steinmann Haghe (president), J. Langlois, and Christian Scheidt.

DENMARK.

Dampskibsfartsselskabet, Copenhagen.—Messrs. Chr. Kroonman and Adolf Carl.

FRANCE.

Comité Central des Armateurs de France.—Messrs. A. Bordes (vice-president), H. Goudchaux (treasurer), J. Brally, E. Pergelien (president of executive council), and Paul de Montisier (general secretary).

Comité Général pour la Défense des intérêts Maritimes et Commerciaux du Port de Danzig.—Messrs. Dunkirk.—Messrs. Frederic Döwalf (president), and Whiting.

GERMANY.

Zentralverein Deutscher Rheeder, Hamburg.—Messrs. Laist (Bremen), D. Munsen (Hamburg), Hartmann (Bremen), Mathies (Hamburg), Schultze, jun. (Flensburg), and Dr. Paul Ehlers (general manager).

HOLLAND.

Nederlandsche Redersvereeniging, Rotterdam.—Messrs. Jan Visser Jacz (president) and J. C. P. Krayenhoff van de Leur (secretary).

Scheepvaart-Vereniging, Rotterdam.—Messrs. C. E. Duffth and W. C. Rading.

Vereeniging van Werkevereen op Scheepvaart-gebied in Amsterdam, Amsterdam.—Messrs. J. J. Duinker and H. L. Bakker.

ITALY.

Fed.razione degli Armatori Italiani, Genoa.—Messrs. Uff. Friderio Vaccaro (president), and Cap. Emilio Manada, Genoa.

SWEDEN.

Swedish Redersforening, Gothenburg.—Representative.

UNITED KINGDOM.—Messrs. J. B. Adam, Newcastle; Sir Theodore Angier, London; W. C. Bacon, Manchester; J. C. Bilbrough, London; J. D. Butterell (Solicitor, Shipping Federation), Michael Brett (secretary, Shipping Federation); Ralph Carr, Newcastle; R. E. Chadwick, Liverpool; J. Constantine, Middlesbrough; T. L. Davitt, London; Alexander Freeland, London; C. T. Glanville, London; Colonel Goffey, Liverpool; F. Harris, London; John E. Hays, Liverpool; A. Holland, London; F. A. Holman, London; M. Houder, London; R. Milbank Hudson, Sunderland; C. S. Hunting, Newcastle; Culbert Laws (general manager, Shipping Federation); J. T. Lunn, Newcastle; F. L. M. M'Intyre, London; W. M. M'Intyre, London; J. P. Miller, London; T. W. Newell, London; P. L. Pavitt, London; Edward Pembroke, London; W. R. Raeburn, Glasgow; Arthur Rison, Sunderland; Sir Walter Romaine, Newcastle; S. Samuel, London; Oswald Sanderson, Hull; Arthur Sorens, London; W. B. Sproule, Liverpool; A. M. Sutherland, Newcastle; W. J. Tatem, Cardiff; F. S. Watts, London; J. F. Wilson, West Hartlepool.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:—

On the 11th at 11.25 a.m.—The barometer has risen considerably in N.E. Japan and fallen moderately over S.W. Japan and the Loochoos.

An area of low pressure appears to be developing between Formosa and the Loochoos.

Pressure is highest over Central China. It is relatively low over the coast of China Sea.

Fresh to strong N. and N.E. winds may be expected in the Formosa Channel, and the N. part of the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.07 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-day is as follows:—

Hongkong & Neighbourhood (N. and N.E. winds, strong).

Formosa Channel (S. winds, strong).

South coast of China between Formosa and Hongkong (S. winds, strong).

South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan (S. winds, strong).

(*) N. winds, moderate to fresh; cloudy probably some light rain.

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Translation of Extract from "Sin Wan Pao"

Dated 4th July 1907.

Government Opium Monopoly Bureau and appointment of Officers.

The closing up of all opium shops at Nanking will be at the end of the 6th moon. The Finance department authorities have taken steps to raise capital for the preparing and sale of opium which will be done by a Government monopoly, and in this connection a station will be established in every section of the City. These stations to the number of 5, will each be under the charge of one deputy and two gentry and will be put under a General Bureau. Viceroy Tuan of the 2 Kiang has appointed Prefect Lo to be the President and Inspector of the Bureau, which will be in working order in the near future.

Translation of a letter addressed to Importers by the Swallow Opium Guild in Shanghai:—

We have been continually receiving advices from our constituents in various countries that the sale of Opium is to be conducted by the Officials, according to the Nanking regulations. It has been arranged that the preparation of Opium is to commence at Nanking on the 22nd of this Chinese month, namely the 31st inst. and on the first day of the 7th Chinese month viz the 9th proximo, offices for the sale of prepared opium to the public will be opened by the Officials. Some wholesale dealers of good standing in the interior have already wound up their business fearing that the monopoly may render it impossible for them to get rid of their Opium. Formerly they were under the impression that only a small number of dealers would be allowed and had no idea that a monopoly would be established. We are afraid that our constituents will not be able to recover a money against the Opium sold by them on credit to retail dealers and consequently they may not be able to pay off the balance of their indebtedness to us. For this reason they are trying to cancel their previous orders. Employees of the Opium monopoly Bureau have already purchased from countries utensils for preparing Opium and workmen have been engaged and sent to Nanking to carry out the work. The head office is established at Chu Chow Szechuan. Opium has been sent to Nanking, while over a hundred thousand taels weight of Opium which would make up a hundred chests has been sent over from Tansha.

You will, therefore, observe that these are sufficient proofs that a monopoly is being established. We are therefore very much afraid that our business will soon have to stop, in which case we shall not be able to fulfil our outstanding contracts with you as we shall not be able to find any outlet for our uncleared bargains of Opium.

(Signed) OPIUM GUILD.

TRANSLATION OF AN OFFICIAL DESPATCH.

An Official despatch published in the "South China Journal" of the Viceroy of Liang Kiang re the erection of an Opium Monopoly Office.

The Viceroy, H. E. Tuan, sent the following despatch to the Provincial Treasurer at Nanking and Taotai Seng Ding Ling.

I received the regulations in connection with the Opium Monopoly, passed by the Bureau of Revenue of Kiang Nan that merchants are to be asked to pay the opium and Officials to superintend and in reply I ordered the erection of an Opium prohibition office and an Opium tax office in Nanking and to make the Treasurer at Nanking their superintendent.

In the petition of the Bureau of Revenue it is mentioned that as the quantity of Opium in the market is so heavy and it is difficult for the Officials to have such a large amount of money to buy the Opium, it seems to be better to give the power of buying to merchants.

The plan is only for the sake of saving money. The prohibition of Opium is ordered by our Emperor and in this respect's decree the time allowed for further motion is very short. As I fear the laying of Opium by private individuals, it is most necessary that Government departments should be erected to buy and sell the Opium in order to fix and to lessen the quantity of Opium gradually.

The Opium Tax Office should be thus abolished and be changed into a "Kiang Nan Opium Monopoly Office." I request the Treasurer of Nanking to take the superintendent and the expert Taotai of Hupei, Seng Ding Ling, to manage the Office affairs. A sum of Tls. 50,000, will be set aside by the Kiang Ning Official Bank as capital of the Office. The Head Office is to be first erected in Nanking and a branch office shall be erected at Yang Chow, Ching Kiang and other such prosperous places.

At the place where an Official Opium Office is formed the selling of Opium by the people and private shop is strictly prohibited.

The Taotai Seng shall arrange with the Treasurer the way in which the buying, selling and smoking of Opium and of prohibiting private selling and smoking will be done and the regulations will be sent to me together with a list of general expenses for my approval. The Official stamps of the Office shall be engraved at the Treasurer's discretion and I will have same to the Office when it is presented to me after it is engraved.

PROCLAMATION.

Issued by the Officers in charge of the Kiang Nan (Nanking) Anti-Opium and Government Monopoly Bureau.

Whereas in consequence of the great evils of Opium smoking Decree have been promulgated for the prohibition of the sale of the drug within the period of a certain number of years and whereas this Bureau has received instructions from the Viceroy to devise means for securing the Government monopoly of the Opium, in obedience to these instructions we have received the approval of this higher authorities. Now this proclamation is issued for the information of Opium dealers that in future those who possess sufficient capital to carry on their trade are requested to apply to this Bureau for certificates permitting them to buy native and foreign Opium and to exclusively to this Bureau. Permission for the retail sale of Opium is to be stopped. Merchants not possessing sufficient capital may act as agents for this Bureau. Those who wish to change their trade are at liberty to do so. Public opium smoking houses must be closed at the end of the sixth moon, the number of branches being limited; those anxious to act as agents should apply at once. They are further required to furnish guarantees from reliable houses. This scheme will come into operation on the 23rd day of the 6th moon and meetings shall be held at this Bureau for organising the establishment of branches and for framing proper rules. These rules are required to be submitted to the higher authorities for sanction. Persons of small means desirous of obtaining agencies should apply for a copy of the rules between the 6th and 8th of the 7th moon. Their names shall be registered on proof of their having been in the trade previously.

Permits will be furnished them forthwith without charge. No application will be considered when the limited number of agencies is filled up.

As regards the conversion of Opium divans into official opium selling agencies the following number inside and outside the city will be allowed, namely 120 agencies inside the city to be situated in four different localities namely East, West, North and South. Each locality to have 30 agencies. Eighty agencies outside the city in 30 different localities namely East, West, North and South each locality to have 3 agencies. Merchants must understand that no private establishment for the sale of Opium is allowed, anyone infringing this proclamation will be punished without leniency.

Copy of telegram forwarded through the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation to His Majesty's Minister at Peking.

Committee Hongkong Chamber of Commerce desire add their protest to those already forwarded against Viceroy Nanking proposal establish opium monopoly such step calculated very seriously affect British trade and contrary Treaty rights.

China Association, Hongkong.

18th September, 1907.

The Hon. Mr. F. A. HAWERT, Chairman.

Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, Dear Sir.—This Committee has received a letter from Messrs. David Sassoon & Coy., Ltd., and others interested in the opium trade at Nanking, subject of the attempt of the Viceroy of Nanking to establish a monopoly for the sale of opium there. It is further stated that recently officials connected with the monopoly bureau have bought opium here and shipped it to Nanking, and again that the writers understand that it is intended that similar monopolies are to be started in other provinces of the Empire, such action being in contravention of the Treaty of Nanking, 1842.

This question has been already dealt with by the Shanghai and London Branches of the Association, and the London Committee has forwarded a memorandum to the Under Secretary of Foreign Affairs which is so closely identical in its terms with those conveyed in your Chamber's despatch of 3rd instant to the Honorable Colonial Secretary that my Committee are of opinion that only good can come from our acting in common in this matter. I have therefore the pleasure to assure you of their readiness to co-operate with you in the protection of the interests concerned.

I am, &c.

(Sgd.) A. S. D. COUSLAND.

Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong Chamber of Commerce,

20th September, 1907.

SIR, I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 18th instant regarding the protest made by the British Opium Firms against the attempt on the part of certain Chinese Officials to establish Monopolies for the sale of prepared opium in their districts.

The Committee of the Chamber of Commerce are glad to learn that the Hongkong Branch of your Association are prepared to support this claim in the matter, and for your information I am big to hand you copies (in triplicate) of the despatches sent to the Hongkong Government and the British Minister at Peking together with all the enclosures dealing with this question. Up to the time of writing no reply has been received to these letters.

I have the honour to be, &c.

(Sgd.) EUBERT A. HAWERT,

Chairman.

Alex. D. COUSLAND,

Hon. Secretary.

China Association, Hongkong Branch, Hongkong.

Colonial Secretary's Office,

26th September, 1907.

SIR, I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 3rd instant on the subject of the establishment of a monopoly in the opium trade by the Chinese Authorities at Nanking, and to inform you that His Excellency the Governor has forwarded it to the Secretary of State for the Colonies in order that Lord Elgin may be placed in possession of the fact that the action of the Authorities at Nanking is inflicting a serious injury upon Opium Merchants in this Colony.

His Excellency desires me at the same time to point out that the persons who are directly affected and upon whom should devolve the task of representing to His Britannic Majesty's Minister at Peking the alleged breach of treaty are the merchants of Nanking and that the merchants of this Colony should endeavour to similar to those taken by the merchants of Shanghai.

I have the honour to be, &c.

(Sgd.) F. H. MAX,

Colonial Secretary.

The Hon. Mr. E. A. HEWE T,

Chairman, Hongkong Chamber of Commerce.

British Legation, Peking.

18th September, 1907.

SIR, I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 3rd instant respecting the opium monopoly which the Viceroy of Liang Kiang proposed to establish at Nanking. I reply to you in the first place on the hearing of the proposed establishment of the monopoly, I made both written and verbal representations to the Viceroy pointing out to him that pending the negotiation of an understanding on the whole question of opium between the two Governments which was inadmissible for the provinces to take upon themselves to devise measures which had the effect of restricting a trade the freedom of which was guaranteed by treaty.

As a result of my representations telegraphic instructions were sent to the Viceroy of Nanking and a proclamation was issued by the Kiang Nan Opium Monopoly Bureau on the 7th instant, copy of which has no doubt reached you, suspending the operation of the monopoly.

I have read with especial interest the letter which you addressed to His Excellency the Governor of Hongkong on the 3rd instant, relative to the monopoly and other points connected with the foreign opium trade with China, and I take this opportunity of thanking you for your courtesy in communicating it to me.

I am, &c.

J. N. JOHNSON.

The Chairman add the reply from H. B. M's Minister at Peking was very satisfactory under the circumstances.

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SIR R. BREDON'S APPOINTMENT.

The following is a copy of the letter addressed to the Foreign Office by the secretary to the China Association:—

China Association,

159, Cannon-street, London, E.C.

27th September, 1907.

SIR,—The anxiety regarding the status of the Imperial Chinese Maritime Customs service, which was excited by the edict of May 9, 1906, was measurably allayed by the subsidences of activity on the part of the Chinese comptrollers after the emphatic protest to which the edict gave rise.

It has been observed with regret, however, that the innovation involved in the transfer of control from the Wei-wu pu to the new office is sustained, and the association adheres in its fullest sense to the criticisms expressed in its communications to the Foreign Office on August 30, September 24 and 25, and November 16 of last year.

The substitution in certain cases of Chinese for foreign employees has been so far on a small scale, but a recent circular by the Inspector-General emphasises a purpose to extend the innovation. A school to train Chinese for Customs work is said to be in contemplation, with the intention that capable pupils shall be drafted into ranks hitherto filled by foreigners; and the recent appointment to the post of comptroller of an official is distinguished as Lu Hui-an negatives any supposition that the edict might in other respects be dormant.

The desire of the Chinese to sinicise (if the expression may be permitted) an important department is not only intelligible but natural, and might command sympathy if the possibility of effecting the change without risk to efficiency could be admitted. But it cannot be admitted.

Among the various transformation agencies that have been witnessed lately at Peking—the transmutation of offices and changes (in some only, frequently of boards—amid all the various projects and pretences of reform, there has been no sign of improvement in the financial methods which permeate Chinese officialdom.

The inveterate system of marketing rank and office (noted in the "Times" telegram of March 31 last) requires that the Chinese employees promoted in the Customs or in other Government departments shall purchase corresponding rank, the price whereof is really a toll levied on his prospective earnings; and he is thus tempted, if not compelled, to recoup himself at the cost of the service—this method of reimbursement or enrichment not being condemned by the public conscience. And if corruption is thus rendered inevitable at the first, the case of the Santosu Customs cited in the association's letter of August 30, 1906, shows to what it may descend.

The potential danger to the interests of trade and of the Chinese revenue involved in derogation from the high standard at which the service has been maintained was admitted by the Secretary of State in Parliament on August 6, 1906, and the association might not have desired to re-affirm the views itself expressed at the same period, but for the uneasiness excited by current reports of impending changes in the Inspector-General's office.

The committee cites with diffidence the reports that have been current of Sir Robert Hart's intention to visit England, either personally or by proxy. But it would be falling in duty if it neglected to express the apprehension with which the accompanying report of Sir Robert Hart's appointment in his stead has been received.

The supreme importance to the welfare of a service comprising foreigners of nearly every Western nationality that its chief should possess the confidence and esteem, not only of the Chinese Government, but of the foreign Legations at Peking and of the members of the service itself, is too obvious to need affirmation, except for the purpose of insisting on the difficulties that might arise in the path of one who was so deficient in those qualifications.

It is strikingly, perhaps, that one should be found commanding the full measure of authority that has become imbued, as it were, in Sir Robert Hart's personality commensurately with the growth of the service which he has practically created. Nor, perhaps, is any one likely to command the unanimous assent of the many diverse interests concerned in a case that may be described probably as unique. But it is believed that a nearer approach, at least, to unanimity might be attained, and the danger that a chief lacking a full measure of support might be obliged to yield to encroachment where the general welfare is concerned is so obvious that the association feels constrained to press very earnestly on his Majesty's Government the urgent necessity of taking steps without delay to prevent the appointment being made, temporary or otherwise, of one who will not secure the confidence of the British communities in China nor, they beg to add, of the members of the staff of the Maritime Customs, which could alone ensure the maintenance of the efficiency and integrity of the service.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

B. S. GUNDY,

President, China Association.

[TELEGRAMS.]

China Association Shanghai, to China.

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From one CHAN HONKAY for an Adjunct Licence to sell by retail intoxicating liquors on premises numbered 13, Queen's Road Central, under the sign of "THE CON-NAUGHT HOTEL."

F. A. HAZELAND,
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